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SUBJECT: REACTION TO ECLA MEETING

1. IN A CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFFS FOLLOWING HIS RETURN FROM GUATEMALA, ROBERTO DAVILA GOMEZ, DG OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS IN THE SECRETARIAT OF COMMERCE, GAVE THE FOLLOWING IMPRESSIONS OF THE ECLA BIENNIAL MEETING JUST CONCLUDED:

A) DAVILA WAS IMPRESSED WITH AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S SPEECH AND WITH THE AMBASSADOR HIMSELF. HE THOUGHT THE SPEECH HAD A POSITIVE IMPACT ON ALMOST ALL THE DELEGATIONS, INCLUDING THE CUBANS. HIS ONLY CRITICISM WAS THAT THE SPEECH WAS LACKING IN CONCRETE DETAILS. HOWEVER, DAVILA EXPRESSED THE BELIEF THAT AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S SPEECH IS A PRELUDE TO A SUBSEQUENT PLAN OF ACTION TOWARD LATIN AMERICA THAT THE USG WILL SOON ANNOUNCE. COMMENT: EMBOFFS HAVE HEARD THE SAME CRITICISMS OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S OAS SPEECH. OBVIOUSLY THE MESSAGE HAS NOT YET SUNK IN THAT THE LATINS SHOULD BE PRODUCING THE CONCRETE PROPOSALS.

B) DAVILA WAS SURPRISED BY THE ATTITUDE OF THE BRAZILIAN
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DELEGATION WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS "RADICALIZED". WHEN THE DELEGATES WERE WORKING ON A PROPOSED FINAL COMMUNIQUE (WHICH WAS NEVER ISSUED), IT WAS BRAZIL (MUCH TO THE EMBARRASSMENT OF MEXICO) WHO CALLED FOR MENTION OF THE CERDS AND THE NIEO. DAVILA ATTRIBUTED THE NEW BRAZILIAN ATTITUDE TO 1) RESENTMENT TOWARD THE US BECAUSE OF OPPOSITION TO THE BRAZIL-GERMAN NUCLEAR AGREEMENT AND 2) INCREA-

SED ECONOMIC PROBLEMS IN BRAZIL WHICH CAUSE THAT NATION
TO IDENTIFY MORE CLOSELY NOW WITH THIRD WORLD ECONOMIC
POSITIONS.

C) COMMENTING ON THE ECLA STATEMENT CONDEMNING THE KID-
NAPPING OF SALVADOREAN FOREIGN MINISTER BORGONOVO,
DAVILA POINTED OUT THAT THE CUBANS DID NOT WANT TO SUPPORT
THE RESOLUTION UNLESS IT ALSO MENTIONED A CONCERN FOR THE
37 PRISONERS WHOSE RELEASE WAS DEMANDED BY THE KIDNAPPERS.
FINALLY UNDER PRESSURE FROM THE REST OF THE DELEGATIONS,
THE CUBANS AGREED TO SUPPORT THE CONSENSUS MOVE.
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